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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair
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The Honorable Rick Shaffer
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
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Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Shaffer:

Section 545(2) of 2005 PA 147 (Enrolled Senate Bill No. 271) requires the Department of Human Services to report on the number of new specialized foster care programs required under section 545 (3) of 2004 PA 344. If no new specialized foster care programs have been authorized, the department must provide an explanation, a list of all applicants who applied but were denied, and a strategic plan to provide for new specialized foster care programs.

There were no requests from providers to implement the specialized care program received from October through December. Subsequent to the March training of the revised processes for specialized care there have been two requests and both will be included in the new contracts effective 4/15/06.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Jim Hennessey, deputy director of Children's Services Administration, at (517) 335-6158.

Sincerely,

Marianne Udow

cc: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
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